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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 are pending in this application.
2. In light of applicant's remark filed on 10/22/09 asserting that the limitation "computer readable medium" corresponds to memory and memory devices found in the specification, the limitation "computer readable medium" will be treated as computer memory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishizawa (US Publication 2002/0004734) in view of Dean et al. (hereafter Dean) (US Patent 6,167,379) and further in view of Parker et al. (hereafter Parker) (US Patent 7,458,080).
5. As to claim 13, Nishizawa teaches the invention substantially as claimed including a method comprising:

receiving a high priority event to be added to a calendar application [received new schedule of ToDo list to be added to a schedule managing program, paragraph 46, line 3-16; paragraphs 55-56; Fig. 4; S3-S4, Fig. 5; Figs. 8A-8B and 10A-11C],

searching possible overlapping events in said calendar application as a response to receiving said high priority event [search and identify overlapping events in the schedule managing program in response to receiving an event that can be of higher priority than existing scheduled event, paragraph 46, lines 16-19; S5, Fig. 5; paragraph 55, lines 5-29; paragraph 56].

6. Nishizawa does not specifically teach presenting said found one or more overlapping events. However, Dean teaches presenting overlapping events to a user along with one or more processing alternatives for processing the found events [Dean, col. 4, lines 54-59; Fig. 3; 46, Fig. 4; 60, Fig. 5].

7. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to have modified the teaching of automatic handling of conflicting events by Nishizawa with the user initiated conflicting events handling by Dean because of the inadequacy of computer automated handling of conflicting events in certain situations as those being considered by Dean [Dean, col. 6, lines 12-24 and 26-39], and a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to implement the teaching of Dean to cover every scenarios of event handling such as one that requires human intervention.

8. Furthermore, Nishizawa and Dean do not specifically teach receiving instructions for silencing alarms of said found one or more overlapping events by one command and silencing the alarms of said found one or more overlapping events. However, Parker teaches silencing alarms of overlapping events by enabling automatic profile switching, the silencing of alarms

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being achieved while a device is in a specific notification mode as a result of an occurrence of a calendar related event [col. 9, lines 9-45; silencing audible alarms using a profile, col. 6, lines 41-64; Fig. 9].

9. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to have modified Nishizawa and Dean to implement the notification profile of Parker because Nishizawa, Dean and Parker are all in the same field of endeavor relating to management of calendar events. In addition, a person of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to implement the notification profile mechanism of Parker to the calendar event notification and handling of Nishizawa and Dean to manage notifications/alarms because of the ineffectiveness of preventing inappropriate notification in the conventional art as been considered by Parker [Parker, col. 1, line 28-col. 2, line 26].

10. As to claim 14, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including comprising adding the received high priority event to the calendar application and processing the one or more overlapping events according to the one or more received processing instructions as a response to a confirmation by a user [adding received high priority event and processing the one or more overlapping events, Nishizawa, pg. 5, paragraphs 54-56; Figs. 9A-11C; processing overlapping events according to received processing instructions from a user, Dean, col. 4, lines 54-59; Fig. 3; 46, Fig. 4; 60, Fig. 5].

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11. As to claim 15, Nishizawa as modified teaches the method for handling a calendar application as recited in claim 13, therefore, Nishizawa as modified teaches the computer readable medium having a program component comprising a computer program for implementing the method.

12. As to claim 16, Nishizawa as modified teaches the method for handling a calendar application as recited in claim 13, therefore, Nishizawa as modified teaches the computer readable medium having a program component with instructions for implementing the method.

13. As to claim 18, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including further comprises removing said overlapping event to a memory block for possible later recovery in case of cancellation of an added high priority event [removed overlapping event are moved to a schedule history storing area for possible later recovery, Nishizawa, paragraph 57, lines 5-33; paragraphs 58 and 62].

14. As to claim 19, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 18 above.

15. As to claim 20, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 18 above.

16. As to claim 1, Nishizawa as modified teaches the method for handling a calendar application as recited in claim 13, therefore, Nishizawa as modified teaches a device configured to implementing the method. In addition, Nishizawa as modified teaches a device comprising

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memory having a calendar application stored and a control unit [memory storing schedule managing module comprising various units, Nishizawa, paragraphs 34-35; Figs. 1-2].

17. As to claim 2, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 13 above.

18. As to claim 3, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including wherein said control unit is further configured to command a program component to associate processing alternatives with found overlapping events [presenting overlapping events alone with processing alternatives to user, Dean, col. 4, lines 54-59; Fig. 3; 46, Fig. 4; 60, Fig. 5].

19. As to claim 4, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including wherein said control unit is further configured to command a program component to present to a user the found one or more overlapping events with one or more selectable processing alternatives associated to the found one or more overlapping events [presenting overlapping events alone with processing alternatives to user, Dean, col. 4, lines 54-59; Fig. 3; 46, Fig. 4; 60, Fig. 5].

20. As to claim 5, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including wherein said control unit is further configured to command a program component to process the found one or more overlapping events according to received processing instructions [Dean, col. 4, line 54-col. 5, line 16; Figs. 3-5].

21. As to claim 6, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including wherein a high priority event is selectable from a menu of said calendar application [Nishizawa, paragraph 45; Fig. 4].

22. As to claim 7, this claim is rejected for the same reason as claim 18 above. In addition, Nishizawa as modified teaches recovering found, timely matching, previously removed, overlapping events to the calendar application [Nishizawa, paragraph 57, lines 5-33; paragraphs 58 and 62].

23. As to claim 8, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including wherein said control is for comparing time associated to the high priority event to a respective time of said calendar application for finding possible overlapping events from the calendar application [Nishizawa, abstract; paragraphs 54-56].

24. As to claim 9, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including wherein said calendar application is situated in said device using said calendar application [Nishizawa, paragraph 34; paragraph 35, lines 1-8; Fig. 1; Dean, abstract].

25. As to claim 10, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including wherein said calendar application is situated in a remote device being connected to said device using the calendar application [Dean, abstract; col. 3, line 52-col. 4, line 41].

26. As to claims 11-12, Nishizawa as modified teaches the invention substantially as claimed including wherein the received high priority event is recognized by the control unit of the device/the calendar application [schedule processing unit/managing module executed by a CPU receiving the input and subsequently manipulating the calendar, Nishizawa, paragraph 35; paragraph 46, lines 13-25; 28, 32, Fig. 2].

27. As to claim 17, it is rejected for the same reason as claim 18 above.

28. As to claim 21, Nishizawa as modified teaches the method and device for handling a calendar application as recited in claims 1 and 13, therefore, Nishizawa as modified teaches a device comprising means for implementing the method.

Response to Arguments

29. Applicant's arguments filed 10/22/09 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

30. In the remarks, Applicant argued in substance that:

- a. Parker failed to disclose or suggest "receiving instructions for silencing alarms of the found one or more overlapping events by one command" because notification mode selected in Parker is dependent upon what type of calendar event is currently occurring, and the notification mode is applied to the entire computer device.

31. Examiner respectfully traversed Applicant's remarks:

32. As to point (a), the examiner respectfully disagrees and submits that as being taught by Parker, events such as reminders [col. 1, lines 29-30; col. 10, line 29] that occurred during which a "meeting" or "off" profile is set, are overlapped by the duration of the event in which the profile applies to and are known (thus found) to be overlapped, these reminders are *all* silenced by the act of setting or choosing the profile manually or automatically (i.e. a single command) [col. 9, lines 9-45; silencing audible alarms using a profile, col. 6, lines 41-64; Fig. 9], which clearly satisfied the limitation above. For example, if a meeting is schedule from 9 am to 12 pm in which the "meeting" profile is activated for, reminders (audible notifications) that are found or known to occurred between 9 am and 12 pm are silenced based on the teaching of Parker.

33. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

34. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to QING-YUAN WU whose telephone number is (571)272-3776. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-6:00pm Monday-Thursday and alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung (Sam) Sough can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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